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DECEMBER 2011 COULD END UP BE IN THE TOP TEN WARMEST AND TOP TEN DRIEST IN A FEW LOCATIONS

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES! AFTER SEEING THE COLDEST DECEMBER ON RECORD IN 2010 WITH AVERAGE TEMPERATURES SOME 8 TO 12 DEGREES BELOW NORMAL, DECEMBER 2011 HAS BEEN PRETTY MUCH THE OPPOSITE WITH TEMPERATURES AVERAGING ABOUT 2 TO 6 DEGREES ABOVE NORMAL. IT DOES LOOK LIKE WE WILL SEE CLOSER TO NORMAL TEMPERATURES FOR THE LAST FEW DAYS OF THE MONTH WHICH SHOULD BRING THE DECEMBER 2011 AVERAGES DOWN SOME, BUT EVEN SO WE COULD STILL END UP IN THE TOP TEN WARMEST IN A FEW LOCATIONS ACROSS WEST CENTRAL AND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA.

IT HAS ALSO BEEN RATHER DRY ACROSS THE REGION WITH MOST AREAS SEEING LESS THAN ONE THIRD OF AN INCH OF RAIN THROUGH THE 26TH OF THE MONTH, BEFORE THE SHOWERS THAT ARE MOVING ACROSS THE REGION TODAY. EVEN WITH TODAY'S RAINFALL THE TOTALS FOR THE MONTH WILL BE WELL BELOW THE NORMALS FOR DECEMBER WHICH RANGE FROM AROUND 1.75 INCHES TO 2.75 INCHES.

BELOW IN THE FIRST GROUP OF TABLES ARE THE TOP TEN WARMEST DECEMBERS IN SOME LOCATIONS, WHICH INCLUDES THE AVERAGE SO FAR THIS DECEMBER THROUGH THE 26TH AND THE 1981-2010 NORMAL TEMPERATURE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. IN THE SECOND GROUP OF TABLES ARE THE TOP TEN DRIEST DECEMBERS IN SOME LOCATIONS, WHICH INCLUDES THE TOTAL RAINFALL SO FAR THIS DECEMBER THROUGH THE 26TH...NOT INCLUDING TODAY'S RAINFALL AND THE 1981-2010 NORMAL RAINFALL FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

TEMPERATURES:

TOP 10 WARMEST DECEMBERS AT INVERNESS:

1	67.0	IN 1948
2	66.8	IN 1971
3	65.3	IN 1949
4	64.9	IN 1967
5	64.5	IN 1998
6	64.4	IN 1956
6	64.4	IN 1951
8	64.1	IN 2007
8	64.1	IN 2001
10	64.0	IN 1964

THROUGH DEC 26 = 62.4

NORMAL DEC AT INVF1 = 58.7
RECORDS BEGAN 1948

TOP 10 WARMEST DECEMBERS AT BROOKSVILLE CHIN HILL:

1	68.6	IN 1971
2	67.1	IN 1948
3	66.4	IN 1998
3	66.4	IN 1982
5	66.0	IN 1984
6	65.8	IN 2006
6	65.8	IN 1956
8	65.6	IN 2007
9	65.4	IN 1990
9	65.4	IN 1951
9	65.4	IN 1949

THROUGH DEC 26 = 65.8

NORMAL DEC AT BROF1 = 62.3
RECORDS BEGAN 1892

TOP 10 WARMEST
DECEMBERS AT ST. LEO:

1	69.6	IN 1935
2	67.9	IN 1930
3	67.5	IN 1903
3	67.5	IN 1910
3	67.5	IN 1917
6	67.3	IN 1989
7	67.2	IN 1909
8	67.0	IN 1960
9	66.5	IN 1927
9	66.5	IN 1895

THROUGH DEC 26 = 64.9

NORMAL DEC AT STL1 = 62.7
RECORDS BEGAN 1895

TOP 10 WARMEST
DECEMBERS AT PLANT CITY:

1	70.6	IN 1971
2	69.6	IN 1931
3	68.9	IN 1948
4	67.7	IN 2007
5	67.6	IN 1978
6	67.1	IN 2006
7	67.0	IN 1951
8	66.9	IN 1967
9	66.6	IN 1984
10	66.5	IN 1998
10	66.5	IN 1946

THROUGH DEC 26 = 66.8

NORMAL DEC AT PLC1 = 62.7
RECORDS BEGAN 1892

TOP 10 WARMEST
DECEMBERS AT TAMPA:

1	72.3	IN 1931
2	69.5	IN 2006
3	69.3	IN 1971
4	68.8	IN 2001
5	68.4	IN 2007
6	68.0	IN 1988
6	68.0	IN 1948
8	67.6	IN 1982
9	67.2	IN 1884
10	67.1	IN 1940

THROUGH DEC 26 = 68.5

NORMAL DEC AT TPA = 63.1
RECORDS BEGAN 1890

TOP 10 WARMEST
DECEMBERS AT LAKE LAND:

1	72.8	IN 1931
2	70.0	IN 1971
3	68.2	IN 2007
4	68.0	IN 1922
5	67.6	IN 2001
6	67.5	IN 1998
6	67.5	IN 1948
8	67.4	IN 1986
9	67.2	IN 1932
10	67.1	IN 1982

THROUGH DEC 26 = 66.7

NORMAL DEC AT LLD1 = 62.9
RECORDS BEGAN 1915

TOP 10 WARMEST DECEMBERS
AT ST. PETERSBURG:

1	74.2	IN 1931
2	71.9	IN 1971
3	69.5	IN 1948
4	69.1	IN 2007
4	69.1	IN 1998
6	69.0	IN 1984
7	68.7	IN 1967
8	68.6	IN 2001
9	68.5	IN 1940
9	68.5	IN 1922

THROUGH DEC 26 = 67.7

NORMAL DEC AT SPG = 64.1
RECORDS BEGAN 1914

TOP 10 WARMEST DECEMBERS
AT SARASOTA-BRADENTON:

1	71.2	IN 1931
2	69.8	IN 1971
3	69.6	IN 2006
4	69.3	IN 1948
5	69.2	IN 1998
6	68.8	IN 2007
7	68.1	IN 1951
8	67.8	IN 1949
9	67.7	IN 2001
9	67.7	IN 1986

THROUGH DEC 26 = 68.6

NORMAL DEC AT SRQ = 63.5
RECORDS BEGAN 1911

TOP 10 WARMEST DECEMBERS
AT AVON PARK:

1	72.4	IN	1931
2	71.1	IN	1971
3	69.5	IN	1948
4	68.5	IN	1940
4	68.5	IN	1922
6	68.3	IN	1946
7	68.2	IN	1924
8	68.1	IN	2007
8	68.1	IN	1951
10	68.0	IN	2006
10	68.0	IN	1941

THROUGH DEC 26 = 66.4

NORMAL DEC AT AVPF1 = 62.9
RECORDS BEGAN 1901

TOP 10 WARMEST DECEMBERS
AT ARCHBOLD BIO STN:

1	69.1	IN	1971
2	68.8	IN	2006
3	67.4	IN	2007
4	67.2	IN	1986
5	66.7	IN	1998
6	66.3	IN	1978
7	66.2	IN	1982
8	66.1	IN	1994
9	65.9	IN	2001
10	65.8	IN	1991
10	65.8	IN	1972

THROUGH DEC 26 = 66.0

NORMAL DEC AT ACHF1 = 62.6
RECORDS BEGAN 1969

TOP 10 WARMEST
DECEMBERS AT VENICE:

1	70.9	IN	1971
2	69.3	IN	1998
3	68.4	IN	2006
4	68.2	IN	2007
4	68.2	IN	2001
4	68.2	IN	1982
7	67.9	IN	1986
7	67.9	IN	1967
9	67.7	IN	2009
10	67.1	IN	1972

THROUGH DEC 26 = 70.5

NORMAL DEC AT VNCF1 = 64.0
RECORDS BEGAN 1955

TOP 10 WARMEST
DECEMBERS AT WAUCHULA:

1	70.0	IN	1971
2	69.8	IN	2007
3	68.7	IN	1948
4	68.4	IN	1940
5	67.6	IN	1946
6	67.4	IN	1986
6	67.4	IN	1978
8	67.3	IN	2006
8	67.3	IN	1982
10	67.1	IN	1967
10	67.1	IN	1936

THROUGH DEC 26 = 64.2

NORMAL DEC AT WAUF1 = 63.7
RECORDS BEGAN 1933

TOP 10 WARMEST
DECEMBERS AT PUNTA GORDA:

1	70.4	IN	1971
2	70.0	IN	2006
3	69.5	IN	1998
4	69.0	IN	1986
5	68.5	IN	2007
6	68.2	IN	2009
6	68.2	IN	1967
8	67.9	IN	1984
9	67.8	IN	1978
10	67.4	IN	1991

THROUGH DEC 26 = 68.4

NORMAL DEC AT PNTF1 = 65.4
RECORDS BEGAN 1965

TOP 10 WARMEST
DECEMBERS AT FORT MYERS:

1	72.7	IN	1931
2	72.3	IN	1971
3	71.2	IN	2007
4	70.9	IN	2006
5	70.5	IN	1948
6	70.0	IN	1990
7	69.8	IN	1998
7	69.8	IN	1986
9	69.6	IN	1978
10	69.4	IN	1984

THROUGH DEC 26 = 70.9

NORMAL DEC AT FMY = 66.5
RECORDS BEGAN 1902

RAINFALL:

TOP 10 DRIEST
DECEMBERS AT INVERNESS:

1	0.11	IN	1984
2	0.26	IN	1956
3	0.42	IN	1998
4	0.63	IN	2001
5	0.73	IN	2010
6	0.75	IN	1961
7	0.79	IN	1990
8	0.80	IN	1982
9	0.86	IN	1999
10	0.92	IN	1991

THROUGH DEC 26 = 0.14

NORMAL DEC AT INV1 = 2.36
RECORDS BEGAN 1948

TOP 10 DRIEST DECEMBERS
AT BROOKSVILLE CHIN HILL:

1	0.01	IN	1955
2	0.21	IN	1908
3	0.27	IN	1910
4	0.32	IN	1946
4	0.32	IN	1932
6	0.33	IN	1956
7	0.37	IN	1992
7	0.37	IN	1990
7	0.37	IN	1906
10	0.40	IN	1984

THROUGH DEC 26 = 0.12

NORMAL DEC AT BRO1 = 2.46
RECORDS BEGAN 1892

TOP 10 DRIEST
DECEMBERS AT ST. LEO:

1	0.13	IN	1984
1	0.13	IN	1906
3	0.17	IN	1933
4	0.18	IN	1938
5	0.22	IN	1990
6	0.23	IN	1932
6	0.23	IN	1908
8	0.31	IN	1928
9	0.32	IN	2000
10	0.34	IN	1956
10	0.34	IN	1946

THROUGH DEC 26 = 0.07

NORMAL DEC AT STL1 = 2.75
RECORDS BEGAN 1895

TOP 10 DRIEST
DECEMBERS AT PLANT CITY*:

1	0.00	IN	1908*
2	0.05	IN	1906
3	0.21	IN	1932
4	0.22	IN	1984
5	0.26	IN	1987
5	0.26	IN	1917
7	0.28	IN	1962
8	0.30	IN	1933
9	0.32	IN	1956
9	0.32	IN	1946

THROUGH DEC 26 = 0.20

NORMAL DEC AT PLC1 = 2.66
RECORDS BEGAN 1892

TOP 10 DRIEST
DECEMBERS AT TAMPA:

1	0.07	IN	1984
2	0.09	IN	1946
2	0.09	IN	1906
4	0.13	IN	1933
5	0.19	IN	1990
6	0.20	IN	1944
7	0.21	IN	1956
8	0.29	IN	1938
9	0.30	IN	1949
10	0.32	IN	1932

THROUGH DEC 26 = 0.04

NORMAL DEC AT TPA = 2.47
RECORDS BEGAN 1890

TOP 10 DRIEST
DECEMBERS AT LAKE LAND:

1	TRACE	IN	1917
2	0.09	IN	1944
3	0.10	IN	1924
4	0.12	IN	1938
5	0.14	IN	1962
6	0.17	IN	1987
7	0.30	IN	1932
8	0.34	IN	1984
9	0.35	IN	1990
10	0.36	IN	1933

THROUGH DEC 26 = 0.20

NORMAL DEC AT LLD1 = 2.60
RECORDS BEGAN 1915

TOP 10 DRIEST DECEMBERS
AT ST. PETERSBURG:

1	0.07	IN	1984
2	0.14	IN	1949
2	0.14	IN	1938
4	0.24	IN	1990
5	0.41	IN	1924
6	0.43	IN	1932
7	0.44	IN	1946
8	0.46	IN	1933
9	0.56	IN	1987
10	0.60	IN	1968
10	0.60	IN	1962

THROUGH DEC 26 = 0.04

NORMAL DEC AT SPG = 2.75
RECORDS BEGAN 1914

TOP 10 DRIEST DECEMBERS
AT SARASOTA-BRADENTON**:

1	0.00	IN	1933**
2	0.03	IN	1949
3	0.19	IN	1962
4	0.24	IN	1984
5	0.28	IN	1923
6	0.31	IN	1938
7	0.32	IN	2001
8	0.34	IN	1946
9	0.36	IN	1932
10	0.44	IN	1991

THROUGH DEC 26 = 0.14

NORMAL DEC AT SRQ = 2.53
RECORDS BEGAN 1911

TOP 10 DRIEST DECEMBERS
AT AVON PARK:

1	0.07	IN	1932
2	0.11	IN	1924
3	0.18	IN	1906
4	0.19	IN	1938
5	0.21	IN	1926
6	0.22	IN	1956
7	0.27	IN	1933
8	0.28	IN	2001
8	0.28	IN	1975
10	0.29	IN	1987

THROUGH DEC 26 = TRACE

NORMAL DEC AT AVPF1 = 2.09
RECORDS BEGAN 1901

TOP 10 DRIEST DECEMBERS
AT ARCHBOLD BIO STN:

1	0.22	IN	1981
2	0.27	IN	2005
3	0.31	IN	1970
4	0.38	IN	2000
5	0.51	IN	1982
6	0.55	IN	2001
7	0.58	IN	1992
8	0.60	IN	1975
9	0.61	IN	1984
10	0.68	IN	1995

THROUGH DEC 26 = 0.31

NORMAL DEC AT ACHF1 = 1.92
RECORDS BEGAN 1969

TOP 10 DRIEST
DECEMBERS AT VENICE:

1	0.13	IN	1991
2	0.18	IN	1987
3	0.33	IN	1962
4	0.44	IN	1984
5	0.60	IN	2001
6	0.66	IN	1985
7	0.69	IN	2005
8	0.75	IN	1970
9	0.76	IN	1968
10	0.77	IN	1990
10	0.77	IN	1961

THROUGH DEC 26 = 0.10

NORMAL DEC AT VNCF1 = 2.34
RECORDS BEGAN 1955

TOP 10 DRIEST
DECEMBERS AT WAUCHULA*:

1	0.00	IN	2001*
2	0.11	IN	1938
3	0.12	IN	1956
4	0.14	IN	1933
5	0.21	IN	1934
6	0.28	IN	1991
7	0.31	IN	1949
8	0.33	IN	1995
8	0.33	IN	1946
10	0.37	IN	1968

THROUGH DEC 26 = 0.00*

NORMAL DEC AT WAUF1 = 2.15
RECORDS BEGAN 1933

TOP 10 DRIEST
DECEMBERS AT PUNTA GORDA:

1	0.25	IN 1981
2	0.28	IN 2000
2	0.28	IN 1991
4	0.36	IN 1982
5	0.38	IN 1990
6	0.43	IN 2007
7	0.45	IN 1971
8	0.46	IN 1968
9	0.51	IN 2010
9	0.51	IN 1985

THROUGH DEC 26 = 0.05

NORMAL DEC AT PNTF1 = 1.78
RECORDS BEGAN 1965

TOP 10 DRIEST
DECEMBERS AT FORT MYERS:

1	0.01	IN 1924
2	0.02	IN 1984
2	0.02	IN 1906
4	0.09	IN 2005
5	0.13	IN 1933
6	0.14	IN 1951
7	0.15	IN 1926
8	0.16	IN 1968
9	0.18	IN 1990
9	0.18	IN 1923

THROUGH DEC 26 = 0.26

NORMAL DEC AT FMY = 1.71
RECORDS BEGAN 1902

* THESE COOP SITES DO NOT REPORT TRACE AMOUNTS OF RAINFALL.

** THE SARASOTA-BRADENTON DATA IS A COMPILATION OF FOUR SITES BACK TO 1911. BEFORE THE ASOS WAS COMMISSIONED IN MARCH 1999 THE COOP SITES AROUND SARASOTA-BRADENTON DID NOT REPORT TRACE AMOUNTS OF RAINFALL.

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